

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Upon browsing an image stored in an image data source, coded data used for display of the image is acquired from the image data source. The acquired coded data used for the display is decoded/extended, and the image is displayed on a display unit. A user inputs a direction for saving the image displayed on the display unit via a user interface unit. Coded data for the saving of the image directed by the user is acquired from the image data source, such as by additionally acquiring coded data equivalent to a difference between the coded data for the saving and the coded data used for the display from the image data source, and synthesizing the coded data for the saving from the additionally acquired coded data and the coded data used for the display. The acquired coded data for the saving is saved in a storage unit.